

David L. Graham

Diary No. E.

Beginning Nov. 1, 1934

The first skin is
mammal no. 1371

The first box of
specimens is
Box no. 499

Mr. Lefton

" 20
900

" 28
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U.S.N.M.

DEC - 9 1935

COR & DOC

You came
with three
boxes of insects

Lilled box # 99

Snakes sale 3.00

Snakes one box
of specimens.

Lilled Boxes 500 - 302

Insects from
near Daghshio
at Jen Shuh Han

16. The collector Jen
returned last night
with two boxes of
specimens and
The mammal hunter
came in today with
a big catch of
mammals.

Lilled boxes 503 - 24,
insects from the foot
of Beh Shuh Shan, altitude
about 3000 feet!

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Beginning Nov. 1, 1935

The first skin is
mammal no. 13

The first box of
specimens is
Box no. 499

Mr. W. P. O. G.

" 20
G. W.

Q. W.

" 28
Q. W.

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15 8^{1/2}

" "

20 8^{1/2}

" "

" "

21 8^{1/2}

23 8^{1/2}

36 8^{1/2}

6

Now came
with three
boxes of insects

filled box # 99

Snakes pale 3.0
mailed one box
of specimens.
Lidd. Box # 500-302

Insects from
near Dang Shin
at Jen Shui Han

The collector Gen.
returned last night
with two boxes of
specimens and
the mammal hunter
came in today with
a big catch of
mammals.

Lidd. boxes 503-4,
insects from the foot
of Beh Shu Lin, altitude
about 3000 feet!

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Beginning Nov. 1, 1935

The first skin is
mammal no. 13

The first box of
specimens is
Box no. 499

Mr. L. P. Ott
" 20
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" 28
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U.S.N.M.

DEC - 9 1935

COR. & DOG

Nov. 16

You came
with three
boxes of insects

Lilled box # 99

Snakes pale 3.0
males one big
specimens.

Lilled Boxes 500 - 502

Insects from
near Dangshio
at Jen Shuh han

Nov 16

The collector Gen.
returned last night
with two boxes of
specimens and
the mammal hunter
came in today with
a big catch of
mammals.

Lilled boxes 503 - 54
insects from the foot
of Beh Shuh Shan, altitude
about 3000 feet.

Box 505. Insects &c
and fossils. Also 3,000

Nov 17. Partly to cut down expense
I am sending one collector
Mr. Gen, home for about
a three month's vacation
without pay.

The mammal
hunter has brought in
a large & catch & and
an expensive one.

I may have to limit
what this collector of
big mammals does
because of shortness of
funds.

Nov 24 Bought wild bats
and skeletons 1371 ~~1~~ 35.00
stiff ass 1372 35.00
Blacks bear 1373 35.00
Blacks wt goat 1374 20.00
Horned bear 1375 35.00
Badger 1376 5.00
165.00

no 1377 Red panda ^{to change}
tail omitted
no 1378 monkey skin, no
charge. will ^{send}

I am including
this red panda with
the idea that its
skin may be used
for patching another
red panda hide.

I am having these
hides and skulls all
boxed up for shipment.

Dec 2. The Smithsonian
account is overdrawn
at Shanghai, so I
am selling all
the mammals mentioned
above to Dr. Harold
Gill of Uppsala,
Sweden, to be taken
to the Swedish Museum.

I am hoping that money
will arrive in time
so that I can buy and
send the skins to the
hunted bring back
next time

~~mammal number~~
mammal 1374 is retained
mammal 1371, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
must be renumbered as
new mammal skins
when they arrive.

Dec 9.
Ho Son Chua and
Ngap have arrived
with small catches.
There is a porcupine
and a very large eagle.

Mammal 1371,
porcupine 814, w 2
There were 4 pheasant
pheasant skins
three useless

mammal 1372
Red Panda ♀ value
with skeleton
mammal 1373
wild cat
mammal 1373
Badger ~~♀~~
mammal 1374-7-5
a squirrel
mammal 1379,
wild rat, large
mammal 1380, squirrel
.. 1381, mole.
.. 1382 rat
.. 1383. mole
.. 1384 mole
.. 1385 mole
.. 1386 mouse
.. 1387 mole
.. 1388 "
.. 1389 "
.. 1390 ..
.. 1391 "

mammal	1392	mole
"	1393	"
"	1394	"
"	1395	"
"	1396	"
"	1397	"
"	1398	mouse
"	1399	"
"	1400	"
"	1401	mole
"	1402	"
"	1403	mouse
"	1404	mole

Six birds

Dec 13. Reckoned with the
Skinner. He soon Chuen,
who will go home soon
for a months vacation or
more. He will be with
me on my trips next
year.

Dec 24
月
二
日

Dec 24 labelled boxes
506-507, insects
collected near river
Chuan about Nov. 15th
Dec. 5, 1934 ~~get~~.

Mammal 1374 also 1375
left out so far

Dec 31 drilled and Cabelled
boxes 508-509, mice
and rats from near
Wen Chuan Shien.

Carter and Sheldan
left today for the
United States.

Dec 31
月
五
日

Just now we are
more hampered than
we have been for years
because of shortage
of money.

Yao has returned,
hard up financially,
to work. I expected him
to come back about February

Dec 31
月
首
日

mammal	1392,	mole	2
"	1393.	"	2
"	1394	"	2
"	1395	"	2
"	1396	"	2
"	1397	"	
"	1398	mous	
"	1399	"	
"	1400	"	
"	1401	mole	2
"	1402	"	2
"	1403	mous	2
"	1404	mole	

Six birds

Dec 13 Reckoned with the
Skinners. Ho Son Chuen,
who will go home soon
for a months vacation.
More. He will be with
me on my trips next
year.

Dec 24 Labeled boxes
No 6 - 587, insects
collected near river
Chuan about Nov. 15th
Dec. 5, 1934 G.H.
Mammal 1374 also 1375
left out so far
Dec. 31 Dilled and Labeled
boxes 508-509, mice
and rats from near
river Chuan Shien.
Carter and Sheldan
left today for the
United States.

Just now we are
more hampered than
we have been for years
because of shortage
of money.

Jan 1. Yao has returned,
hard up financially.
To work. I expected him
to come back about February

first. He says that his uncle has deprived him of his property and driven him away from home.

Today I had the carpenter make boxes for shipping specimens.

Jan 7, 1935

Letter box 510

animal skins value 5. w

Red Panda 2 rats

Box 511, animal skins
porcupine 3 rats

Box 512
Birdskins 5. w

513. animal bones

\$ 5. w

514 Package

animal skins

value \$ 3. w

There is a rumor that the communists may attack southern Szechuan, and they are attacking northern Szechuan. It is possible that we may have to evacuate Szechuan sooner or later. Box 515- Birdskins value 3. w

Jan 11, 35- There are rumors that the communists from all over China are concentrating on Szechuan Province, and may begin their attack at any time.

Jan 12. The mammal collector has arrived, with a collection of mammals.

Jan 18. The collector has a very large collection of large mammals. I have bought them at a cheap price, comparatively. I will sell off some of them that we do not need and send the rest to the Smithsonian Institution as soon as I can. I do not know how soon that will be. I have five white pandas with skeletons and will sell off four of them.

In view of the many letters I have sent asking that money be forwarded, I assume that there must be money on hand at Shanghai.

Jan 23	1935	
no 28	Mammal	1405 - muskdeer ♂
" 26	"	1406 " " ♀
" 30	"	1407 " " ♀
" 27	"	1409 " " ♀
" 25	"	1410 " " ♂
" 23	"	1411 cliff sheep ♂
" 19	"	1412 " goat ♀
" 24	"	1413 " " ♀
" 22	"	1414 " " ♀
" 21	"	1415 " " ♀
" 20	"	1416 " " ♀
" 18	"	1417 yellow marten ♀
" 17	"	1418 weasel ♂
" 16	"	1419 white Panda ♀
" 14	"	1420 " " ♂
"	"	1421 wild boar ♀
"	"	1422 Porcupine ♀
"	"	1423 Porcupine ♂
" 3	"	1424 Black deer ♂
" 5	"	1425 " " ♀
" 7	"	1426 " " ♂
" 2	"	1427 " " ♀

18	named no 1428 black deer	♂
10	1429 chaff ass	♂
" 9	1430 - goat	♂
" 11	1431	♀
" 12	1432	♂
" 13	1433	♀
" 4	1434 white panda	♀

Jan 25, Filled Box 516, 517
 mt goat skins & 6. as well
 578 Amur's deer 518
 519 mt goat 6. as well
 520 7.1
 521 - 22 6. as well
 523 6. as well
 524 7. as well
 525 7. as well
 526 7. as well
 527 7. as well
 528 7. as well
 529 7. as well
 530 7. as well
 531 7. as well
 532 6. as well

532
 533
 534

6. 10
 6. 10
 6. 10

Jan 28. Mailed sixteen
 large boxes of specimens
 all animal skins ..

I have fired the
 hunter who collected
 animal skins, because
 he brought in skins I
 said we did not
 want. Today I had
 to fire the gatherer
 Yao, who has been
 getting worse and
 worse, and today
 ruined a leopard skin
 instead of taking
 time to fix it
 right. He has been
 doing ragged work
 for a long time and

Jan 24 Box 535 animal skins 50W

I have sent recently
eighteen boxes of animal
skins and skeletons
overland to Chungking.
The route via Suiju
by river was too
uncertain because of
low water level and
bogards.

Mar 17.

Tomorrow the collector
Geo. goes to Bok ful
I think to catch
pandas.

28. I have taken a quick
trip to Suiju and
brought back the
skinner, whom I will
put to work at once.

Exchange is the
lowest it has been for
years. That means
I have much less
to work with.

The hunter has
brought in some skins.
I will keep two or
three that are useful
and sell the rest
to Yenching University.

He has brought
a live blue mountain
sheep.

30. I have purchased a fine big blue mountain sheep with skin and skeleton, and go the skin and skeleton.

Apr 6 Slashed the netted box to Beh Juh Djin & net a couple of weasels.

Mammal 1435

is an otter

skn Box 536, box Box 521

Mammal 1436

mountain goat value 7. w

Box 537. skin

Box 518 Bones

Mammal 1437

Blue mountain goat 2.00

skeleton Box 519

skin 522

Box 521 Blue mountain sheep skeleton

Box 522 present
from Beh Juh Djin
Box 523 ditto.

We are wrapping all these and will ship them as quickly as possible.

Apr 9 Mailed five boxes of specimens and applied for permission to ship two larger boxes overland.

The communist threat is very serious. We are living in hope.

Apr 10 Mailed one box of specimens.

Apr 15. We have been ordered by the Chengtu general to evacuate because he could not give us protection. The Communists are very strong in north Szechuan and constitute a real threat to the Province. We are not intending to leave unless there is greater evidence of imminent danger.

18 Ben started on a new trip to Bei Juh Dzin. He came back two days ago with three boxes of specimens. The government troops have fought an important battle and have been defeated north of Chengtu and the

authorities of Chengtu are advising us to evacuate. We are hanging on, hoping that this will not be necessary.

I would be sending no out on a collecting expedition, but there is no telling what may take place within the next few days.

19 Filled and labelled boxes 524-525, insects from Bei Juh Dzin, altitude 4500 feet.

20 There is better news from the front, and everybody is more optimistic than before.

May 22 Filled and labelled
box # 526-7, insects
from Bih Luh, Slin,
altitude 4000 & 6000
feet

June 22 Filled and labelled
box 55-28-530
insect from Kuanshien
Guanmen China altitude
about 4000 feet to 8000 feet

About May 20 I sent
the netted fin to
Kuanshien. About June
1 he started back to
Chengtu. Meanwhile
the Communists
had started back to
Kuanshien, and had
captured Tuanchow
and Weichow. ~~These~~
soldiers mistook Jen
for a communist

spy, and put him
into prison where
he remained for
several days. It was
with much difficulty
that I got him free,
and the soldiers
threatened to execute
him as a spy.

Later I sent Jen
to Mt. Omei to collect
on high altitude
until my arrival.

I am now collecting
birds through Prof.
a. P. Inyang and
expect to continue
it during next year.

I have been unable
to send no out to
collect because of the
Communists.

July 3

I am starting for Mt. Omei soon. A netter is working on Mt. Omei now, and I'll have a man working there all summer. Just now I am very busy packing.

Exchange is getting lower and lower, so that I have less money to spend this summer than for many years. This compels me to do collecting on a smaller scale than I would otherwise do.

July 8.

We arrived at Shin Kai Shi at about 8.30 a.m.

Jen has been collecting all over the mountain and says he has about 16 boxes of insects.

At the foot of the mountain a big military school is being built by the Chinese government.

Generalissimo Kuang Hsai Shih wants to bring his staff to this summer resort, but he needs eight bungaloes and there are not that many to spare.

Jen is to come to Mt. Omei and spend the summer collecting here.

July 10-11. I am getting the netter
gen ready for a few weeks' steady collecting on hot
Omei, at the higher altitudes netting and trapping. I will
let Gen and Sam (the
university student) work
together, covering mt Omei
intensively, especially on
the higher altitudes.

With the Skinner Ho
I will do such work as I
can on the Tibetan-
Yunnan border. I will
be as economical as
possible, so as to get
more money (a balance)
on hand for work on
the China-L Tibetan
border as soon as the
Reds get out and that
border is workable.

Filled boxes 531-546,

insects secured on hot
Omei June ad July 1933.

July 15. This morning Mr.
Sun arrived, and
I gave him his
equipment and arranged
that we and Gen should
work intensively on
the higher altitudes
of mt Omei this
summer. Then
I went down the
mountain and
spent the night
at Omeishan. Ho
and I are going to
the region south
of Suiji.

Generalissimo
Kuang Kai Shek is
coming to Suiji Hui
this evening a day or
two. Motor roads
have been built

To the base of Mt. Omei
and the roads from
there to Shiu Kai Shih
are being widened and
improved a great deal.
Today several
automobile roads of
finish arrived from
Chengtu to stay
this summer at
Shiu Kai Shih.

16 we reached Kiating,
found a steamer
leaving tomorrow a.m.
Bought our tickets,
and got onto the
steamer. we saved
money by not taking
a room but spreading
our clo's on the ~~top~~
deck. we had to stay
with our baggage
in order to ~~get~~ get aboard

It and hold our places.
we started about
8 A.M. we delayed
an hour on the way
trying to pull another
steamer loose, it
had run upon a
shallow place and
could not pull loose.
We reached Suiju
at two o'clock
am spending the
night at the home
of Chester Wood. This
afternoon I interviewed
the official and secured
his passport.
travelled to Yoh K'eo
or Yuh K'eo, going
most of the way by
boat. It was a very
hot day, with much thunder
in the afternoon.

19 We started at daylight and went on to Huai Fair Ch'iao where we spent the night. Last night there was a thunder storm with a heavy downpour of rain, which changed the sluggish streams into roaring torrents.

We are hearing terrible stories about the raids of the reds, and the reds are not far from the yangtze border. This may affect our journey and please

20 We reached Kongshie early this afternoon. It rained nearly all morning and it was muddy and slippery.

after reaching Kongshie I went and visited the magistrate, asking him about going on to Fo Biao. We learnt that a force of communists is six miles from Fo Biao, and that a fierce battle, as yet undecided, has been going on several days. The situation is ~~so~~ dangerous but the official will not let us go to Fo Biao.

21 We sent a messenger to the miao country. He should arrive there tonight, and return with one or two of the miao tomorrow night. Meanwhile there are rumors that that the reds are strongly reinforced

near to Biav so we
may have to turn back.

22. The two friends arrived
saying the Reds have
retreated and urging us
to go on to fo Biav. They
said that when they
heard I probably could
not come in account
of the communists some
of whom could hardly
avoid weeping. I have
many dear friends among
the Reds.

This afternoon we took
a trip up on top of
a neighboring mountain.

23. The officials have
finally restated
their opinion that
because of the Reds
it is too dangerous
to go to fo Biav.

So we are going to
Tsang Sia, east of here.

24. Reached Tsang Sia
about noon. we were held
up at the city gate for
a half an hour by some
inexperienced soldiers. Later
we met the magistrate,
who is a graduate of
Peking University, and
very friendly. He is an
unusually good official.

Yang Long Lai's father
and brother brought in
two mammals and snakes,

The communists
have separated into two
bands, and one band
is between here and
Yum Sia where we
are expecting to go
and collect. we will wait

a few days, and I think
it would improve we will
go back to Mt. Omie and
work there.

26. More bad rumors, a
band of robbers, possibly
communists, are at
Kuanghsien, 20 li away.

27. Mr. Yen and Mr. Yang,
my Chinese companion's
started for Suiyuan today.
They are afraid of the
communists. I am
delaying a day or two
longer.

28. Got a queer snake.
Baffords were robbing
in a mountain pass
30 li from here today.

29. We have made plans
to leave tomorrow for Mt.
Omie, where two collectors
are working.

30. In the morning it
was exceedingly hot,
but we travelled to
Li³luan¹ Psang². I have
a very bad cold and
feel lousy. This
afternoon it clouded
up and cooled off a
little.

31. It was a very hot
day, but we made a
good long journey
and reached Liuchuang.

Aug 1. It stormed last night
and part of the time this
morning. The Yangtze
River was very high.
We arrived at Suiyuan
at about two o'clock
P.M., much later than
we should have.

Aug 3 Went up to the near
 mountain to spend
 the day.
 Returned to Shih
 9. Work on the horses
 12 Started for Shihling on
 a steamer, ^{Yin-Dei}
 13 Reached Kaiting.
 14 Reached Shih Ling.

I had left a
 university student, Fan
 Yu-jin, and 'the
 netter' Jen, or
 Mr. Chen to work on
 the high altitudes
 during the summer.
 Both were to set out
 to traps, and Fan
 Yu-jin was to use
 the shotgun and to
 do the skinning
 more than shot his

foot, nearly cutting
 a big toe off, making
 it impossible for him
 to collect during the
 rest of the summer
 and endangering his
 life. He is not well
 yet, but is out of
 danger, and will be
 well enough to return
 to Chengtu with us
 and to return to the
 University. This is
 one piece of bad luck.
 Another piece of
 bad luck is that
 Jen has taken to
 opium smoking.
 This means he is
 far less dependable.
 We now fear that
 he has run off with
 the two goslings

lanterns and with
our folding cot and
with the gasoline,
sold them and skipped
off with the money

Another piece
of bad luck as that
the Reds have made
collecting all along
the western borderland
impossibly. There are
tens of thousands
of them there, that
region has been blocked
for the summer.

collecting, so we
have tried to collect
on Mt. Qomolangma. This
bad luck has met
us.

Now with the Skinner
I tried to go south
to the high mountains

on the Szechuan
Yunnan border. A
band of communists,
with over 600 rifles,
and about 1,000 people,
are raiding that
section, and they are
very fond of capturing
foreigners and holding
them for large ransoms.
The officials stopped us,
and said that was
practical, although we
were within one day's
journey of where the
Reds had the ordinary
Chinese troops were
having a battle.

But I will probably
get about fifty boxes of
insects, a few snakes
and a few frogs,
the smallest to catch

for many years, but
with something like
summer's collecting will
be the least expensive.

for many years, which
will enable us to
accumulate a small
balance at Shanghai
so as to enable us to
work more easily
in general, in
the future.

I will soon mail
all the insects yet
collected up here.

I will put Mr.
Ho to collecting on
the mountain.

Filled 531 to 553,
insects from the summit
of Mt. Qixia and
Qian Jao Lang, gathered
in July 1935.

Aug 19

Aug 21. mailed 16 boxes of
insects, and prepared seven more
boxes to be shipped.

It seems certain
that Gen. the netter,
has stolen the
equipment in his
hands and slipped
the country.

Today I sent
Ho Son Chuen away
to trap, net, and
catch frogs, snakes,
etc.

Ho Son Chuen came
back yesterday with
one box of dry insects
and several bottles
(small) of insects,
and one frog. He had
poor luck, as he
could trap no
rodents.

Filled box 554, insects
and fossils and
555 insects from
Hong^{1/2} Chuen¹ Pin²
a temple whose
altitude is about
6000 feet.

Mr. Notho
Skinner has brought
in the report that
Zen, the netter
ran away with
the collecting outfit
to sell them, but
was arrested as a
spy at Omei shien
and probably will
have all his possess-
ions confiscated,
including his
money, and is even
in danger of losing
his life. I am

having Ho. the Skinner
do all kinds of
collecting instead of
only trapping and
skinning.

It is much harder
to collect on Mt. Omei
or anywhere this summer
than usual. This
is now the main
military training camp
for all China. Very
large electric lights
are visible for long
distances in several
places. This makes
moth catching at night
much harder at
lower altitudes. A
very strict guard is
kept on the roads
and paths on the
mountain, and

this makes it more difficult for collectors to move about. It is not advisable to do much shooting, lest the soldiers get suddenly excited.

Mammal 1435
a bamboo rat from mt Amer

1439-1440 mice from mt Amer.

I find that I have duplicated 16 boxes, 531-546, so I will skip that many numbers, 556 to 571.

Filled box 572,
2 esp birds from mt Amer
Box 573, 3 rats and
about 4 birds

Aug 31. and birds from mt Amer.
Filled box 574, insects, skin &c. value 3. a
mammal 1441, a weasel with skull 1442, a large animal with skull, from Idongshien, declined.
Ho has been working by day and by night, with more meager results than in past years. The many bright electric lamps of the military camp make night collecting harder. At daybreak there are guards along the roads in several directions, and will not allow people to pass. Yesterday Ho tried to go to the Ha & Shih temple, and the guards'

would not let him pass.
The Generalissimo
Kiang Kai Shek is
now in one of the
foreign bungalows not
far from there, and
also some of his high
officers. This is one
reason why the roads
and paths are so
carefully guarded.

It got after pigs

Sept 21

we have returned to
Chengtu. Bought a
pangolin alive and
skinned it, mounted
1443.

He is neither deaf
and will soon send
him on a trip.

I have another
netter in training,

but he has trichome, and
this will have
to be healed before he can
begin actual work.

Have a few
specimens that I
will mail soon.

The robbers have
recaptured lost Changli-
shien, where I stayed
a few days last
summer. It is
fortunate I got out
safely.

Sept 23

Box 575. Mammal skin

576. Insect

577. Animal

skin no 1442.

Box 578 Insects &c

Box 579 Insects

Box 580 snakes

we have filled
the above boxes.

specimens, and are
preparing to forward
them to Shanghai

Sept 28. I know he's been collecting
around Chengtu. The
weather has been rainy
and he has not
caught much. I have
sent a messenger to
Kuanshien and when
he returns I'll know
whether he can go
to Yin Shin wan, near
Wen Chuan, and collect
again. If he can, he
will get better collections.

The Aborigine who
has collected so
many animal skins
for me in the past
is accused of being
a communist and
is now in prison

at Kuanshien. I am
trying to get him out
so he can do more
collecting. Otherwise
I will try to secure a
new collector.

Oct 1. More bad luck.
The hunter who
has brought me
so many valuable
animal skins joined
the Communists
when they were working
near Wen Chuan. Recently the government
troops arrested him
and executed him,
so he will collect
for me no more.
I will find another
collector.

Oct 8

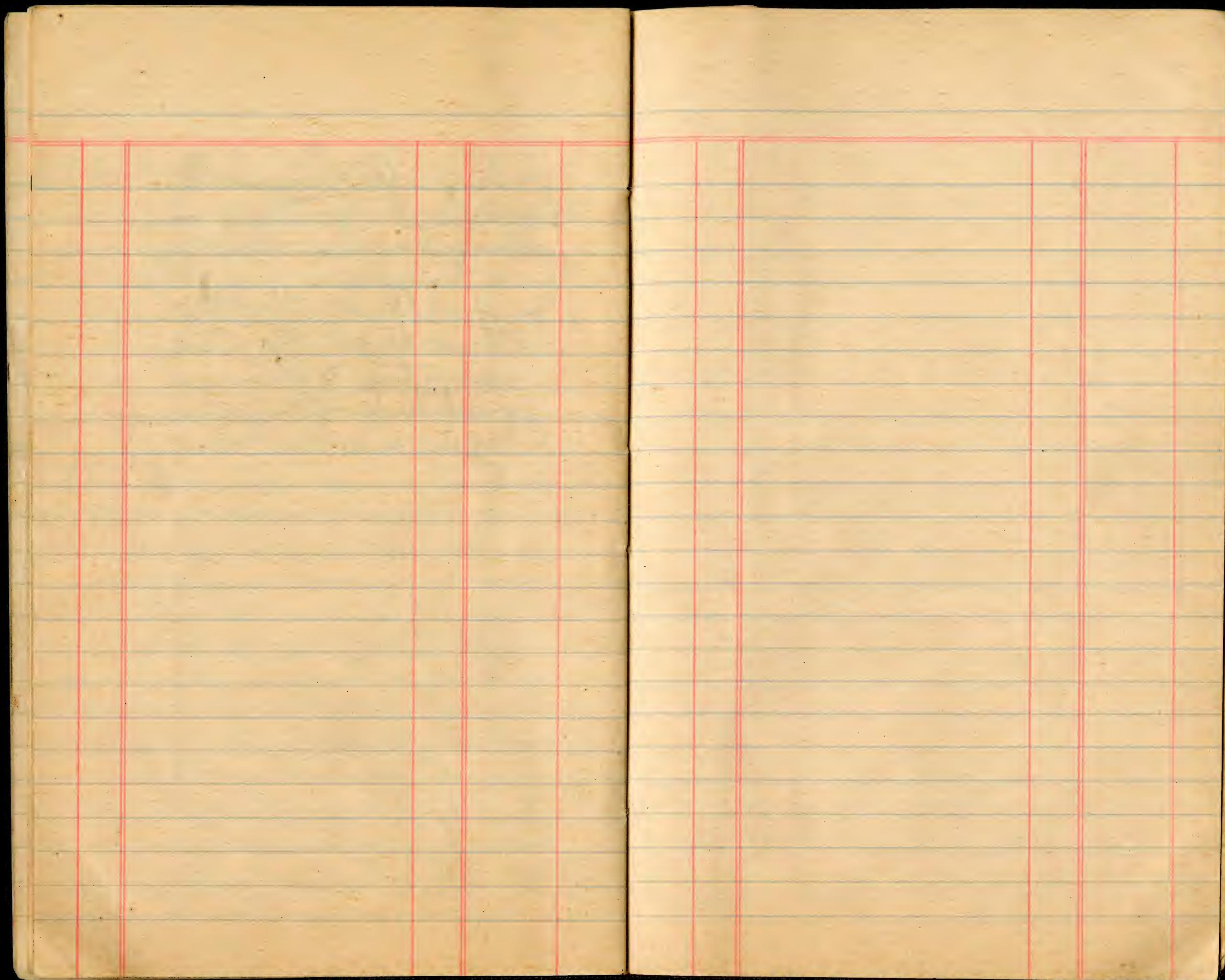
I have succeeded
in getting a passport
for ~~for~~ ~~for~~ Son Chuan
to go westward and
collect. I will send
him off for about a
month, and he
ought to get some
good specimens.

Oct 10
Oct 25

He has gone on his trip
another hunter of
experience, a
Chiay aborigine, has
come, and will begin
work soon if the
Communists do not
prevent. The Commun-
ists have come down
threatening Lhasa and
Mongkong, and
Mu Pin—the whole
China-Tibetan border.
That may hold up

our collecting work
a short time or a
long time.

I will forward
this diary to the
Smithsonian
Institution and
begin a new one



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